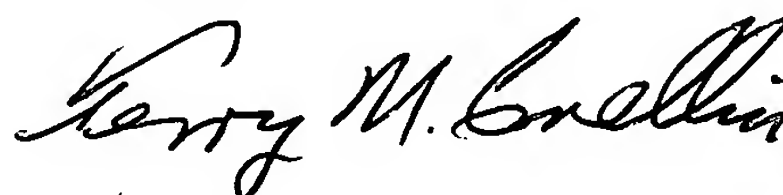


REMARKS

Claims 9 and 15 have been amended to clarify that the composition that is applied to the skin of domesticated farm animals comprises a chlorhexidine-containing material. The principle composition claims, which have been cancelled as a result of the restriction requirement, specified that the composition comprised a chlorhexidine-containing material, and now the process claims that remain in this application have been brought into compliance with those original composition claims with respect to the recitation of a chlorhexidine-containing material. Claims 10 and 11, which depend from Claim 9, and Claims 16 and 17, which depend from Claim 15, now recite that the chlorhexidine-containing material is chlorhexidine acetate.

All of the remaining claims, including independent, generic Claim 15 and Claims 16 and 17 depending therefrom, read on a process in which the composition that is applied to the skin of a domesticated farm animal contains an inorganic zinc-containing material. Generic Claim 15 and dependent Claims 16 and 17 require only the presence of the chlorhexidine-containing material, but would read on a process in which the composition applied to the skin of the domesticated farm animals includes an inorganic zinc-containing material in addition to the chlorhexidine-containing material. Claims 9, 10 and 11 have been specifically amended so as to recite only inorganic zinc-containing compounds. It is specifically noted, however, that if the generic Claims 15, 16 and 17 are found to be allowable, applicant retains the right to reintroduce the organic zinc-containing compounds that were previously included in Claim 9.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry M. Crellin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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